



**OFFICE OF THE CHAIR**  
**JOE A. MARTINEZ, CHAIRMAN**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**DISTRICT 11**

## Memorandum

To: George Burgess, County Manager

From: Joe A. Martinez, Chairman



Date: August 9, 2006

Re: Fees and Payments Owed to County

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Recent developments pertaining to the misappropriation of funds and the mismanagement of the Miami Dade Housing Agency have raised concerns as to how the County disburses funding, maintains a check and balance of projects and/or services, and collects monies due to the County. To this end, I would like a detailed report that depicts current departmental forensic audits that may be underway by department as well as a schedule for all other County departments. As the Commission reviews budget recommendations and submissions, I am concerned that figures, programs, and vacant positions may not accurately reflect departmental financial positions and distribution of resources in a fiscally prudent manner.

Recently, we have been made aware of several on-going audits and/or reviews of departments and their budgets. I would ask that you immediately provide the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) with a report of any outstanding impact fees that have not been collected, payments to either MDPD or MDFR by private vendors for services rendered that have not yet paid the county, any other fees not collected by the County, reasons as to why amounts are outstanding, and how the county will recover said funding. Furthermore, I would ask that you also list the areas of responsibility with corresponding authority by department as well as time frames that depict the length of time that any monies owed to the County have been outstanding and why. I would ask that this report be submitted no later than Monday August 28, 2006 in an effort to assure that necessary safeguards are in place that will safeguard public funds. Once the report is presented to the Board, we could address these issues expeditiously and if necessary, adopt legislation that will ensure that what has happened within the Miami Dade Housing Agency never happens again. Additionally, this review should depict areas of authority (individuals) in the disbursement of funds or contract award/input by department so that you can determine that there is not significant authority vested in a single individual and therefore preventing the MDHA scenario from occurring in other departments or offices within your professional administration. I cannot reiterate how important these reviews are and the importance of allocating necessary resources to vet out corruption and a business as usual mentality and ultimately restoring the public's confidence in Miami Dade County.

If you should have any questions please contact my Chief of Staff, Javier I. Marques at (305) 375-5511.

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Cc: Honorable Mayor Carlos Alvarez  
Honorable Vice-Chairman Dennis C. Moss and  
Members of the Board of County Commissioners  
Murray Greenberg, County Attorney